

DATE: April 1, 1989

FULL NAME Richard A. Lachapelle S.S. NO. [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Salem, STATE MA. ZIP CODE 01970

DATE OF BIRTH 06/02/49 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY (Citizen of) United States

OCCUPATION Elementary School Teacher

EDUCATION College

WEIGHT 170 HEIGHT 5'8" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES _____

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS _____

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS _____

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☒ NAME OF SPOUSE _____

CHILDREN _____
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

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Chartered Organization See attached record:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION See attached record:

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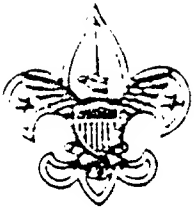
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June 7, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst
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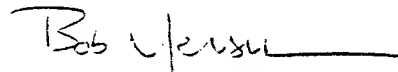
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

Your office has a confidential file on Richard A. LaChapelle, a former Scouter in this council. The enclosed newspaper articles will update you on the status of his trial on charges of child sexual abuse.

As more information becomes available we will forward it to your office.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Mersereau
Council Executive



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Former Scout leader to face sex charges again

By John Basileco
Eagle-Tribune Writer

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — A mistrial was declared yesterday after three days of jury deliberations failed to produce a verdict in the trial of Richard A. LaChapelle.

The former Scout leader and suspended teacher from North Andover, Mass., will be tried again on the charges. Mr. LaChapelle is accused of fondling an 11-year-old Scout from North Andover during a trip to Block Island in 1986.

A new trial is expected to be held later this year, but a date has not been set.

Mr. LaChapelle, who had been found innocent in two previous trials on similar charges involving two other North Andover boys, shook his head slowly when his lawyer told him the jury could not reach a decision.

He is charged with three counts of second-degree child molesta-

tion, with each count carrying a maximum penalty of 30 years in jail.

The North Andover boy, now 15, and his parents sat quietly as Washington County Superior Court Judge Dominic Cresto declared the mistrial after 10½ hours of jury deliberations. The jury foreman indicated jurors were making no progress toward reaching a required unanimous decision.

Members of the 12-member

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Teacher will face new trial

Trial From page 1

jury contacted by The Eagle-Tribune declined to discuss their deliberations or how they voted.

Judge Cresto did not ask the jurors how they were divided.

Mr. LaChapelle would not comment on the case, nor would the boy's family.

North Andover Schools Superintendent George Blaisdell said Mr. LaChapelle will remain suspended from his teaching job at Franklin School pending the outcome of another trial.

The boy testified during the trial that he and Mr. LaChapelle spent the weekend on Block Island, off the coast of Narragansett, playing strip poker and fondling one another.

Mr. LaChapelle, 41, testified there was no sexual activity.

During the four-day trial, Leon-

ard O'Brien, Mr. LaChapelle's lawyer, attempted to discredit the boy's testimony by showing inconsistencies between what he told police and what he told jurors.

Mark Dana, the prosecutor in the case, argued that the boy had no motive to make up a story about the sexual assaults.

He also argued that jurors should weigh Mr. LaChapelle's credibility.

Mr. LaChapelle was not even sure which hotel they stayed at on the first night of their trip and could not describe the room, Mr. Dana said.

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LaChapelle jury out

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. —Jurors today were to resume deliberations in the trial of Richard A. LaChapelle. The former North Andover Scout leader and suspended teacher is accused of fondling a Scout during a trip to Block Island in 1986. Jurors failed to reach a verdict after eight hours of last Thursday and Friday. At one point the foreman sent the judge a note saying the jury could not reach a verdict. The judge said to keep trying. Mr. LaChapelle is charged with three counts of second-degree child molestation, with each count carrying a maximum penalty of 30 years in jail. Mr. LaChapelle has testified there was no sexual activity.

Jury is still out in Scout sex-assault trial

By John Basileco
Eagle-Tribune Writer

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — Jurors will continue deliberations Tuesday in the trial of Richard A. LaChapelle, a former Scout leader charged with fondling an 11-year-old North Andover, Mass., boy.

They deliberated five hours yesterday and three hours the day before, but did not reach a verdict.

At one point the jury foreman sent a note to Judge Dominic Cresto saying jury members could not agree on a verdict. They resumed deliberations, however, after Judge Cresto told them to continue to try. At 4:30 p.m. he sent them home for the long weekend.

Mr. LaChapelle is charged with

three counts of second-degree child molestation. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in jail.

The boy, now 15, has testified they played strip poker and fondled one another during a trip to Block Island in July 1986.

Mr. LaChapelle, 41, a suspended North Andover third-grade teacher, has testified there was no sexual activity.

During the four-day trial, Leonard O'Brien, Mr. LaChapelle's lawyer, attempted to show several inconsistencies between what the boy told police and jurors.

Prosecutor Mark Dana argued the boy had no motive to make up a story about the assaults.

Jury still out in trial of LaChapelle

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — Jurors today were to continue deliberations in the trial of a former Scout leader charged with fondling an 11-year-old North Andover, Mass., boy.

They deliberated for three hours yesterday following a four-day trial, but were unable to reach a verdict.

Richard A. LaChapelle is charged with three counts of second-degree child molestation. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in jail.

The teen-ager has testified they played strip poker, fondled one another during the trip and that Mr. LaChapelle offered him 50 cents if the boy would masturbate him.

Mr. LaChapelle, a suspended North Andover third-grade teacher, has testified there was no sexual activity between he and the boy.

Boy's testimony muddled in Scout sex-assault case

By John Badlesco
Eagle Tribune Writer
SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — A 15-year-old boy's testimony of what happened on a 1986 summer weekend with his Scout leader grew more muddled yesterday.

The North Andover boy spent 2½ hours on the witness stand answering questions in the trial of Richard A. LaChapelle, Mr. LaChapelle is a suspended North Andover, Mass., third-grade teacher who is charged with fondling the former Scout, then 11, three separate times during a July 1986 weekend trip to Block Island, off the coast of Narragansett.

The teenager told jurors he and Mr. LaChapelle played strip poker and fondled one another during the trip.

Last week, Leonard O'Brien, Mr. LaChapelle's lawyer, showed several inconsistencies between the boy's statement to Block Island Police and what he told jurors.

Yesterday, Mr. O'Brien introduced notes written by the boy in January which contradicted some of what he told both police and jurors.

For example, the boy told

police and jurors he and Mr. LaChapelle played strip poker Saturday of that weekend, but the boy's notes said they did not, Mr. O'Brien said.

The boy said he wrote the notes to get his facts straight. He gave them to his father so his father could make changes on his statement. His father, however, testified that he never saw the notes before yesterday.

Mr. O'Brien also focused more attention on inconsistencies raised last week between what the boy told police and what he told jurors.

For example, the boy told jurors his former Scout leader asked the boy to masturbate him for 50 cents on Sunday afternoon of that weekend. But he told police, according to a signed statement, that it happened Friday night, Mr. O'Brien said.

The boy said he got the days wrong, but not the facts. The boy also told jurors he fondled Mr. LaChapelle's genitals Friday and Saturday night. However, in his statement to police, he only mentioned being fondled by Mr. LaChapelle.

The boy told prosecutor Mark Dana he did not tell Block Island Police that he fondled Mr. LaChapelle because he was "nervous and embarrassed" about it.

Mr. O'Brien asked him if nervousness had anything to do with mixing up his days on the masturbation episode. The boy said no, it was just a mistake.

The state rested its case yesterday with Mr. Dana, the new prosecutor in the case, at the helm. Mr. Dana replaced John McLoughlin, the case's original prosecutor, after Judge Dumaine

Cresto disqualified him because Mr. McLoughlin is being called as a witness for Mr. LaChapelle's defense.

Mr. McLoughlin was expected to take the stand today. Mr. O'Brien wants to ask him about changes the boy said he asked Mr. McLoughlin to make to his original statement, but which the boy said Mr. McLoughlin overlooked.

Mr. LaChapelle is charged with three counts of second degree child molestation. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in jail.

This is the third North Andover Scout who has accused Mr. LaChapelle of sexual assault. Mr. LaChapelle has been found innocent of charges he assaulted the two other North Andover, Mass., boys, one in New Hampshire and one in Massachusetts.

Teacher back on trial Tuesday

By John Basileco
Eagle-Tribune Writer

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — The trial of Richard A. LaChapelle, a suspended Franklin School teacher charged with fondling a North Andover boy, will resume Tuesday.

The trial, which began last week, was interrupted Wednesday afternoon when Leonard O'Brien, Mr. LaChapelle's lawyer, raised a legal issue which Judge Dominic Cresto needed time to consider.

Judge Cresto yesterday granted Mr. O'Brien's request to call John McLoughlin, the prosecutor in the case, as a witness. Assistant Attorney General Mark Dana has

been assigned as the new prosecutor.

Mr. O'Brien wants to call Mr. McLoughlin as a witness to ask him about statements the boy made under cross-examination involving inconsistencies between what he told jurors this week and what was in his original statement to police.

After Mr. O'Brien pointed out the differences, the boy said he had told Mr. McLoughlin about them. The boy said he believes Mr. McLoughlin overlooked them.

Mr. O'Brien said he expects Mr. McLoughlin will deny that the boy told him about any differences and he wants to call him as a witness to help his case.

Under cross-examination, the boy said he told Mr. McLoughlin about both of these discrepancies in January.

The 15-year-old boy testified that his former Scout leader asked him to masturbate him for 50 cents on Sunday afternoon of a weekend trip to Block Island, R.I., in July 1986. The boy was 11 at the time.

But he told police, according to a signed statement, that it happened Friday night, Mr. O'Brien said.

The boy said he got the days wrong, but the facts were correct.

Mr. LaChapelle is charged with three counts of second-degree child molestation.

Youth testifies he and Scout leader played strip poker

By John Basilico
Eagle-Tribune Writer

WARRENFIELD, R.I. — A North Andover high school student testified this morning he and his former Scout leader played strip poker on a weekend trip five years ago.

The teen was the first to testify in the trial of Richard A. LaChapelle, who is charged with fondling the boy three separate times during a weekend trip to Block Island in July 1986.

He recalled that weekend five years ago, the boy said the two of them played strip poker Friday and Saturday night in their hotel room.

The boy said Mr. LaChapelle started tickling him when he was asked. The boy lost one of the card games and had to take off his clothes, he testified.

The boy said while Mr. LaChapelle tickled him, the then 11-year-old found himself sexually excited.

Mr. LaChapelle then touched the boy's genitals, the boy testified.

On Saturday, they played strip poker again and decided it was taking too much time to take their clothes off and put them on again, the boy testified. So, they played undressed, confined to play cards and touch each other's genitals.

The boy's testimony was interrupted when Mr. LaChapelle's lawyer raised an issue privately with Judge Dominic C. ... which the judge took upon himself to resolve.

Interpreting statements today, Leonard O'Brien, Mr. LaChapelle's lawyer said he would show flaws in the boy's account of the weekend trip.

41, of Salem, Mass., sat quietly in the sometimes empty courtroom at Washington County Superior Court, waiting for his trial to start. He is charged with three counts of second-degree child molestation. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail.

Mr. LaChapelle is a former North Andover Scout leader and third grade teacher at Franklin School. The boy was a member of Mr. LaChapelle's Scout troop.

This is the third North Andover Scout who accused Mr. LaChapelle of assaulting him. Mr. LaChapelle has been found innocent of charges he assaulted the two other North Andover boys, one in New Hampshire and the other in Massachusetts.

Mr. LaChapelle has said he is confident he will be found innocent, as he was in the previous two trials. He has said the boy's "web of lies and deceit" will fall apart under cross-examination.

The North Andover School Committee nearly a year ago suspended him from his third-grade teaching job at Franklin School pending the outcome of the trial.

Slacker hit in 3 days on Interstate 495
MERRIMAC — State Police are cautioning motorists to use care on Interstates 95 and 495 after five deer have been struck and killed in three days.

Trooper Steven Allietto of the Newbury Barracks said two of the deer were killed on Interstate 495 in the Northshore area, and three on Route 95 in the Newburyport and Rockford areas.

The deer were trying to cross the highways and were hit by cars, he said.

Crime Log

A news digest
In one case, the motorist pulled over after a deer ran into his car, and the first thing he saw was the yellow deer-crossing warning sign, Trooper Allietto said.

The dead animals were disposed of by the State Public Works Department, he said.

Woman arrested after stabbing man
HAVERHILL — A Portland Street woman who stabbed a man three times was arrested yesterday, police said.

Police said Louise Ann Kirkley, 47, 13 Portland St., stabbed Steven Dubois, 46, 254 Washington St. after he came to talk to her at her home at about 7:15 p.m.

She told him she did not want to be bothered anymore and then stabbed Mr. Dubois three times as he tried to run away.

He was stabbed twice in the head and once on the back of the neck, police said. Mr. Dubois was treated at Hale Hospital for three half-inch cuts.

Police charged Mrs. Kirkley with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a knife. She was arrested and taken to the Newburyport Police Station.

was also charged on a warrant for disorderly conduct out of Newburyport District Court.

Dog house stolen from pound
HAVERHILL — A dog house recently donated to the city was stolen from the dog pound sometime Monday night.

Animal Control Officer Helen Borelli told police when she arrived at the dog pound yesterday at 7:45 a.m. the house was missing.

She said it is worth \$150. She said the dog house was still at the pound when Assistant Dog Officer Richard Doynton left at 10:30 p.m. Monday.

The dog house was donated by Brian Wildes of Allamela Street about two weeks ago. It has a tiled roof.

Correction
LAWRENCE — Due to a reporting error, the first name of a man arrested for attempting to light a fire outside a Broadway business was incorrect yesterday.

Daniel Neubert, 45 of 86 South Broadway, was arrested and taken to the Newburyport Police Station.

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Mr. Ross A. Harrop
Scout Executive
North Essex Council, No. 712

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD A. LA CHAPELLE

Dear Ross:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF015791

Teacher on trial this week

By John Basileco
Eagle-Tribune Writer

NORTH ANDOVER — The trial of a suspended Franklin School teacher charged with fondling an 11-year-old North Andover boy starts tomorrow in Rhode Island.

Richard A. LaChapelle, 41, of Salem is charged with second-degree child molestation, which carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in jail.

Mr. LaChapelle was suspended by the School Committee nearly a year ago pending the outcome of the trial. For 15 months before that, Mr. LaChapelle was on a voluntary unpaid leave. During that time he was found innocent of charges he assaulted two other North Andover boys, one in New Hampshire and another in Massachusetts.

The trial on the third charge of molesting an 11-year-old North Andover boy on a Boy Scout trip to Block Island, R.I., in 1988, begins tomorrow with jury selection at Washington County Superior Court in Wakefield, R.I. Opening arguments will be presented after jurors are selected.

Mr. LaChapelle said he is confident he will be found innocent, as he was in the two previous trials.

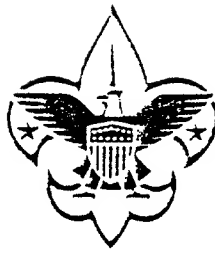
He said the boy, now a 15-year-old North Andover High sophomore, made the story up.

"This North Andover High sophomore weaved a web of lies and deceit, which I'm confident will fall apart on cross-examination," Mr. LaChapelle said.

If cleared of the charge, Mr. LaChapelle will return to his third-grade teaching job and receive back pay during the time of his suspension.

A year and a half ago, Mr. LaChapelle, a former Scout leader, was found innocent of charges he fondled a first-grade boy in a Sturbridge hotel in November 1988.

Two months before, a New Hampshire jury acquitted him of molesting a 10-year-old North Andover boy near Boy Scout Camp Onway in Raymond, N.H., during the summer of 1988.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



September 12, 1989

Mr. Ross A. Harrop
Scout Executive
North Essex Council, No. 712

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SUBJECT: RICHARD A. LA CHAPELLE

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Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Paul

This is only the first
of 3 cases. The FBI
will also be trying him
on federal charges

Paul

Even if innocent, teacher will not return this year

By John J. Phillips
Eagle-Tribune Writer

NORTH ANDOVER — The third-grade teacher who was convicted in July of sexually abusing a 7-year-old boy will not return to his classroom this year even if the jury in his appeal decides he is innocent. Richard LaChapelle, 40, has agreed it is best if he takes an unpaid leave of absence from his job for the entire academic

year, Superintendent George I. Blaisdell said.

The superintendent also said Mr. LaChapelle's future as a North Andover teacher will hinge on the outcome of his jury-trial appeal, scheduled to start in Worcester District Court on Oct. 16.

Neither Mr. LaChapelle nor his lawyer, Richard J. White, were available for comment.

Mr. LaChapelle, of Salem, had taught

in Franklin School for 17 years before being accused last winter of molesting a first-grader at Atkinson School. Similar charges then were filed in New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

In July, a judge found that Mr. LaChapelle, a Boy Scout leader, assaulted the boy when he took him on an unsanctioned, overnight Scouting trip in Shurbridge. He is still awaiting trial for two other incidents.

Mr. LaChapelle was removed from his classroom after the charges surfaced but continued to do administrative work until March, when he took an unpaid leave of absence until the end of the school year.

But Dr. Blaisdell said Mr. LaChapelle agreed this summer he should take another unpaid leave, and not return to his job this year even if he is acquitted on appeal.

Dr. Blaisdell said the other two charges probably will not be resolved by

the end of the year, and even if they are it would be troublesome to change teachers in mid-year.

But if Mr. LaChapelle is found guilty on appeal, Dr. Blaisdell said he expects to ask the School Committee to fire him.

He would not speculate whether Mr. LaChapelle would be allowed to return to his teaching job if he is cleared of all the charges against him, saying "that's still a long way down the road."

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September 12, 1969

Mr. Ross A. Harrop
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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
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May 2, 1989

Mr. Ross A. Harrop
Scout Executive
North Essex Council, No. 712

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD A. LA CHAPELLE

Dear Ross:

We appreciate all the material which you previously sent concerning the above named individual. Our file now is quite complete and can be "put to bed" as soon as we receive a little more information from you.

We would like to have a document with Mr. La Chapelle's signature if you have this available. This would aid in the identification process.

The only other piece of information would be the outcome of the legal action which would be the legal action which is now pending. Once any of these cases are completed, we would like this information in order to complete our file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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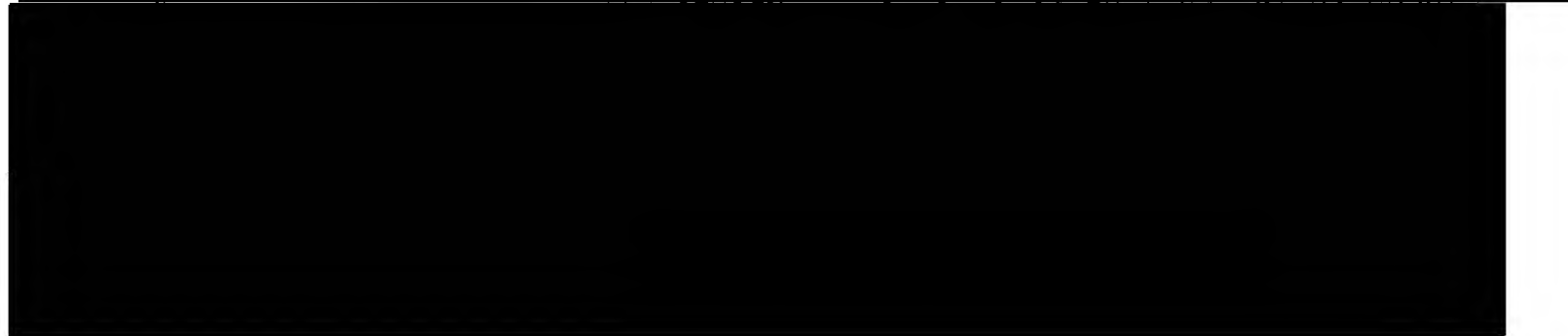
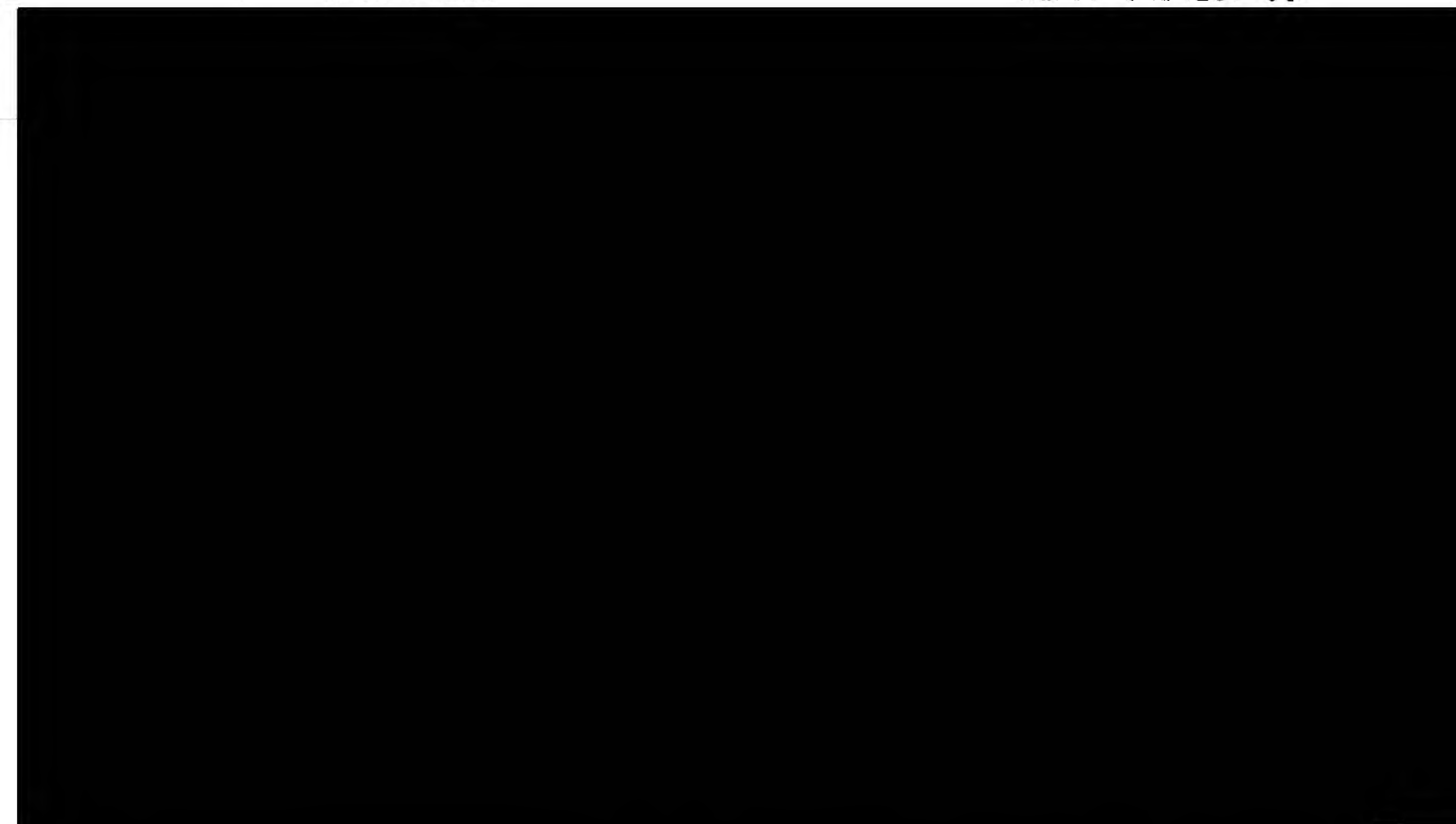
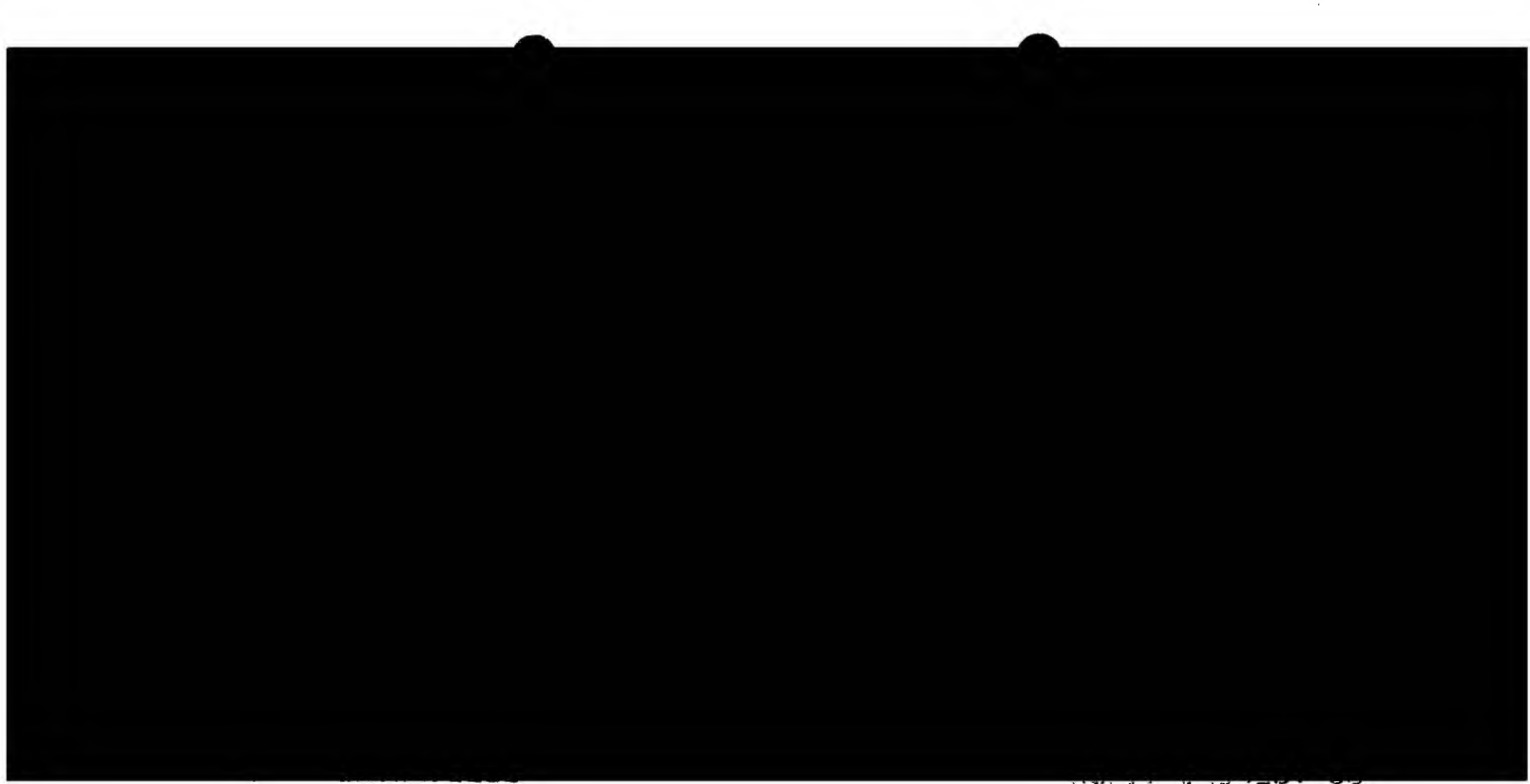
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Summary of Events leading up to the Suspension
of Richard LaChapelle's Registration

December 1, 1988

11:00 AM phone conversation with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] North Andover.

I spoke with [REDACTED] of North Andover [REDACTED] who shared an incident that involved her 9 year old son [REDACTED] and Mr. LaChapelle.

"During the summer Mr. LaChapelle offered to introduce [REDACTED] to camping by taking him to N. H. They left on a Friday and were to stay for the weekend. Turned out that no one else was with them or around them. When they got ready for bed Mr. LaChapelle laid on [REDACTED] and gave him hugs. This scared [REDACTED] and so he said he was sick and wanted to go home. He was returned home that same evening but appeared very upset. He shared the events with his parents and has been seeing a school counselor since that time. Not a day goes by that [REDACTED] doesn't think and worry about that event with Richard LaChapelle."

[REDACTED] shared her concern about this incident with Jean Sweeney one of the key leaders with Pack 87. She felt Jean would share this with those who should know. [REDACTED] called me because she spoke with a [REDACTED] who had a similar story as hers and she felt the council should be aware of this problem.

A follow-up call with Jean Sweeney on December 2 confirmed that the conversation with [REDACTED] did take place. She didn't confront Mr. LaChapelle or tell anyone else because she really didn't think [REDACTED] was really that upset or that there was any real problem with the incident that took place as it was described to her.

I confirmed the accuracy of my notes with [REDACTED] by phone on 12/7/88.

December 1, 1988

11:15 AM Meeting at Council Service Center with [REDACTED]
and her mother.

[REDACTED] is a single parent with 2 sons - [REDACTED] 11 and [REDACTED]

A year ago Richard LaChapelle knocked on her door and asked [REDACTED] to get involved with Webelos as he has done with boys of other single parent families. He served as a "sponsor" for [REDACTED] and took him to various events in Cubbing with no apparent problems. Through the association Dick LaChapelle promised to do the same thing with [REDACTED] when he was of age for Tiger Cubs.

Dick LaChapelle followed through with his commitment to "sponsor" [REDACTED] and signed up to be his Tiger team member in Pack 87 in October. Attached are the comments [REDACTED] shared about a Scouting outing Mr. LaChapelle took her son on November 10 and 11. She understood this was a troop outing and Mr. LaChapelle said this would be a great chance to get involved with the other boys.

See attached description of November 10 and 11 events involving [REDACTED] and Dick LaChapelle as given to me by [REDACTED].

Meeting ended at 12:05.

I called Division of Social Service and officially reported the story of [REDACTED] on behalf of North Essex Council. (She had already called them herself)

I next called the Area Director and reported my findings and described my plan to involve Council President in suspending Richard LaChapelle for ignoring the two deep leadership policy.

December 1, 1988 at 5:45 PM

A meeting took place with myself, Richard LaChapelle, Council President; John Booth and Ken Bonanno; Council Commissioner.

The attached "Maintaining Standards of Leadership Letter" was given to Mr. LaChapelle at that time with a brief general explanation that he had not followed the "two deep leadership policy of the BSA." He was shocked, stating that he always did accept for his tiger cub outings. He said he felt they were one on one activities but I reenforced that overnight activities and camping are not allowed in tiger cubs and he should no longer associate with the BSA. He was given the "review board procedure outline" and our assurance that only the Executive officers of the three Chartered partners would be called. We also told him I would say "Richard LaChapelle is no longer associated with the BSA."

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

- 1) playing card games where the winner gets to be tickled by him.
- 2) Excessive tickling.
- 3) Taking my son ^(alone) on an overnight outing while falsely leading me to believe that it was a troop outing.
- 4) Spending the night alone at Days Inn in Sturbridge, Ma.
- 5) Sleeping in the same bed with my son while cots were available for the asking.
- 6) Making my son constantly hug him while alone.
- 7) Offered [REDACTED] money for hugs.
- 8) Trying to talk my son into staying over another night while he was crying and emotionally upset and obviously anxious to come home.

- 9.) Being ^{obviously} angry with [REDACTED] for wanting to come home.
- 10.) Leaving [REDACTED] alone at night in the car while he checked out of the Inn.
- 11.) [REDACTED] was emotionally upset and crying when they got home, he used the excuse of having a toothache and would not talk to me or look at me, would only sit in the chair with his head down.
- 12.) Mr. Lachapelle was extremely nervous when he brought [REDACTED] home, he kept saying that [REDACTED] didn't like him and that I should look for another sponsor for [REDACTED].
- ([REDACTED] kept making reference to gross bugging.)



NORTH ESSEX COUNCIL
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Telephone

December 1, 1988

Mr. Richard A. LaChapelle

Salem, MA 01970

Dear Dick:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Booth
President



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North Andover teacher faces second sex charge

By Susan Forrest
Eagle-Tribune Writer

A suspended North Andover teacher surrendered to New Hampshire authorities yesterday following a grand jury indictment charging him with sexual assault of a child.

Richard LaChapelle, 39, of Salem, Mass., stands accused of molesting a 10-year-old North Andover boy last summer in Raymond, N.H., during a Boy Scout outing. He was secretly indicted by a Rockingham County Jury late last month, Raymond, N.H., Police Chief Richard Dolan said.

In a separate incident two months ago, Mr. LaChapelle was arrested for the alleged sexual assault of a 7-year-old North Andover boy while the two were alone on an unsanctioned Cub Scout trip in Sturbridge, Mass. The incident took place at the Day's Inn Motel, police said.

Mr. LaChapelle, a third grade teacher at the Franklin School, was suspended last month from his teaching job after the Sturbridge incident.

He was serving as a North Andover Boy Scout leader during both alleged sexual assaults. He was fired from the Lawrence-based North Essex Boy Scouts

Council Dec. 1.

He had been involved in scouting for 30 years.

Mr. LaChapelle, who lives with his mother in Salem, was released from Rockingham County Jail in Brentwood, N.H., yesterday after he posted a \$5,500 cash bail.

He is to be arraigned on the charge in Superior Court in Exeter, N.H., next week.

3/30/89 Tribune Ex-Boy Scout leader charged in third state

By Mary Beth Donovan
Eagle-Tribune Writer

Former North Andover teacher and Boy Scout leader Richard LaChapelle was charged today in Rhode Island with sexually molesting a member of his scout troop.

Mr. LaChapelle was arrested on similar charges by Sturbridge police in December and by Raymond, N.H., police in February. All three arrests involve boys in North Andover scouting programs.

Block Island Police Chief Paul Riker said the alleged assault took place around July 11, 1985, when Mr. LaChapelle took a North Andover boy, then 11 years old, on a trip to Block Island, off the coast of southern Rhode Island.

Mr. LaChapelle was charged with second-degree sexual assault for allegedly fondling the boy.

"We are talking about two incidents on two separate nights," said Chief Riker. The two incidents took place at two hotels, the New Shoreham House and the Water Street Inn, he said.

The boy confided in a friend during a Christmas party early this year, just as allegations against Mr. LaChapelle became public. The friend contacted the boy's parents who in turn contacted authorities.

The Eagle-Tribune does not identify victims of alleged abuse.

Mr. LaChapelle, 39, of Salem, N.H., who taught third grade at Franklin School, has been removed from the classroom and now does school administrative work. He was suspended from the Boy Scouts in early December.

Mr. LaChapelle turned himself in to Block Island police this morning. He was freed on \$1,000 cash bail.

Mr. LaChapelle was silent during his arraignment this morning, putting his hands in his pockets and staring at the floor.

His lawyer, John Tramonti Jr., told the judge that Mr. LaChapelle has been a teacher for 18 years and active in scouting. He said he has no prior record other than the two previous arrests on similar charges.

Cub Scout leader is accused of molesting boy

By Susan Forrest
and Paula Fuoco
Eagle-Tribune Writers

NORTH ANDOVER — A teacher who was also a Cub Scout leader was arrested in Sturbridge yesterday for charges of molesting a seven-year-old boy over a two-day period.

Richard Lachapelle, 39, was released on bail this morning after being arraigned in Dudley District Court on charges of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

Mr. Lachapelle is accused of molesting a North Andover boy at the Day's Inn Motel in Sturbridge Nov. 10, Sturbridge

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Scout leader is accused of abuse

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Police Chief Kevin Fitzgibbons said. The unidentified seven-year-old child was a member of Cub Scout Pack 87 at the Atkinson School in North Andover.

North Andover School Superintendent George Blaisdell said this morning he suspended Mr. Lachapelle from his third grade teaching job at Franklin School last Thursday.

Mr. Lachapelle was also fired from his Scout duties with the North Essex Boy Scouts Council.

The boy's mother said Mr. Lachapelle took her son to Sturbridge Nov. 10 and returned him home Saturday, Nov. 12. "He took my son for two days," she said. "He led me to believe it involved the whole troop."

She said she later found out other Scouts and their families only went to Sturbridge for the day.

"My son came home extremely upset," the mother said. She said her son told her Mr. Lachapelle

Child at Risk hotline and was referred to the state Department of Social Services.

Mr. Blaisdell said Mr. Lachapelle reacted to his suspension with "shock and pain. He wants to assure me that he's done nothing wrong," he said.

Mr. Blaisdell said the teacher was suspended, without making

any judgments, in order not to disrupt the class.

"It was more protective of the children's interests in education to not be faced in the classroom," Mr. Blaisdell said.

Mr. Lachapelle has been employed by the North Andover school system for many years, Mr. Blaisdell said.

Scout leaders get training

Workshop teaches about safeguarding against sex abuse

By Jim Patten
Eagle-Tribune Writer

METHUEN — Scout leaders are now required to take special training to help them recognize child abuse and safeguard against it when planning scout activities.

The 2½-hour Youth Protection Training Workshop talks about emotional, physical and sexual abuse, how to spot it and what scout leaders should do when they are confronted by it.

Last night, nearly 40 scout leaders and parents attended a workshop at the Holy Family Hospital.

Ross A. Harrop, scout executive with the North Essex Council Inc. in Lawrence, said national scouting officials recognized that the organization was not immune to problems of abuse, and conducted a study from 1985 to 1987.

The training workshop was developed as a result of the study, he said.

The aim of the training is to educate scout leaders to report suspected abuse quickly, to get children to "yell and tell" if they are abused or approached, and to "provide a hostile environment for child abusers and pedophiles in which to work."

Child psychologist Dr. Larry Larsen said molesters do not fit the usual "dirty old man" profile many people have of them.

Dr. Larsen said a 1978 study of convicted molesters showed most often they are under 35, are usually not a stranger to their victims and are generally well-educated and law-abiding.

Research has shown that abusers have more than 150 encounters with children before they are caught and arrested, Dr. Larsen said.

"Sexual abusers have no sexual disorder in my view. They have a disorder of character," Dr. Larsen said.

The North Essex Council executive board agreed in January to make the Youth Protection Training Workshop mandatory for scouting leaders "who have positions working directly with youth." They are required to attend the workshop within six months of registering with the council.

In June, the council issued guidelines forbidding overnight camping by Cub Scout dens or packs and requires that at least two adult leaders be at all trips and outings.

Richard LaChapelle, a former Boy Scout leader and North Andover third-grade teacher, was arrested last week in Rhode Island. He was charged with and pleaded innocent to sexually molesting a member of his troop on a July 1986 field trip to Block Island. He was also arrested in December by Sturbridge police and in February by Raymond, N.H., police for sexual assault of scouts. He has also pleaded innocent to those charges.

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